

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: **HIROKI** 

KITAHORI ET AL.

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## SUBSTITUTE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice mailed on February 25, 2004, which references the Office Action dated December 18, 2003, with a shortened statutory period ending March 18, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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